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The moist winter gave way to increasingly dry and windy conditions, with April and May ranking among the driest months on record. However birding was rewarding with documentation of several rarities, plus another species new to N.M., pending review by the Bird Records Committee. It was believed to be a White Wagtail!

Abbreviations Used

CG - Campground	NWR - Natl. Wildlife Refuge
Co. - County	N.M. - New Mexico
EBL - Elephant Butte Lake	RGV - Rio Grande Valley
R. - River	v.0. - various observers
IR - Indian Reservation	+ - others, et al.
SP - State Park	* - details provided
L. - Lake	** - photo or tape
Mt(s) - Mountain(s)	*** - specimen collected
NM, NP - Natl. Monument, Park	

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PLACE NAMES AND THEIR COUNTIES

Albuquerque (Bernalillo)	La Union (Dona Ana)
Animas Valley (Hidalgo)	Las Animas Creek (Sierra)
Avalon Lake (Eddy)	Las Cruces (Dona Ana)
Aztec (San Juan)	Las Vegas, NWR (San Miguel)
Bear Canyon Lake (Grant)	Lordsburg (Hidalgo)
Belen (Valencia)	Loving (Eddy)
Bitter Lake NWR (Chaves)	Madrid (Santa Fe)
Bloomfield (San Juan)	Mangas Springs (Grant)
Bluewater Lake (Cibola, McKinley)	Melrose trap (Roosevelt)
Boone's Draw (Roosevelt)	Morgan Lake (San Juan)
Bosque (del Apache) NWR (Socorro)	Moriarty (Torrance)
Brantley Lake (Eddy)	Otero Mesa (Otero)
Caballo Lake (Sierra)	Peloncillo Mts. (Hidalgo)
Caprock (Lea)	Pep (Roosevelt)
Carlsbad (Eddy)	Percha SP (Sierra)
Clayton, Lake (Union)	Portales (Roosevelt)
Cliff (Grant)	Post Office Canyon (Hidalgo)
Clovis (Curry)	Rattlesnake Springs (Eddy)
Cochiti Lake (Sandoval)	Redrock (Grant)
Columbus (Luna)	Riverside (Grant)
Cotton City (Hidalgo)	Roswell (Chaves)
Deming (Luna)	San Simon Valley (Hidalgo)
Elephant Butte L. (Sierra)	Sandia Mts. (Bernalillo)
Espanola (Rio Arriba)	Santa Fe (Santa Fe)
Estancia, Valley (Torrance)	Santa Rosa, Lake (Guadalupe)
Farmington, Lake (San Juan)	Santa Teresa (Dona Ana)
Fort Sumner (DeBaca)	Silver City (Grant)
Gage (Luna)	Socorro (Socorro)
Gila R. Valley (Grant)	Sumner Lake (DeBaca)
Grants (Cibola)	Tatum (Lea)
Heron Lake (Rio Arriba)	Texico (Curry)
Holloman Lake (Otero)	Timberon (Otero)
Isleta Pueblo (Bernalillo)	Tucumcari, Lake (Quay)
Jal, Lake (Lea)	Waldrop Road Rest (Chaves)
Jemez Mountains (Sandoval)	Zuni (McKinley)

SPECIES ACCOUNTS

RED-THROATED LOON -- Lingering from February was 1 at EBL, last seen 4/11 (JP*, JO). Another was at Brantley L. on 5/1 (JP*, DE*, BN*).

PACIFIC LOON -- Singles were on Stubblefield L., Colfax Co., on 3/8 (DE*, BN*) and EBL on 3/3 (PRS, BW+).

COMMON LOON -- Late was 1 at Sumner L. on 5/8 (JP, JO+).

PIED-BILLED GREBE -- Breeding: 2 adults with 4 juveniles at Jal L. on 5/26 (EL).

HORNED GREBE -- High count of 39 at Santa Rosa L. 3/1 (CR).

AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN -- Late were 50 at EBL on 5/28 (BH).

BROWN PELICAN -- An immature was captured at Escondida L., Socorro Co., on 4/5 and released at Bosque NWR (DP), where it was seen on 4/11 (JP, JO, JH*) and 4/19 (JO). An adult was at Caballo L. 4/11 (JP, JO); a sub-adult at Brantley L. 5/13 (JP, JO**); 1 (not aged) was on EBL on 5/20 (Charles Painter) and 5/23 (Dorothy Russell*).

NEOTROPIC CORMORANT -- Breeding: 30 nests in upper EBL on 5/28 (BH, LW);....It pushed north in both the RGV and the Pecos Valley. 1 at the Corrales bosque, Sandoval Co., on 3/22 (BH); 1 at the n. end of Albuquerque on 3/24 (BH); 8 at Isleta Pueblo on 5/25 (JO); 1 at Santa Rosa L. on 3/1 (CR); and 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 5/15 (JO, JP, GW).

DOUBLE-CRESTED CORMORANT -- Breeding: an aerial survey on 5/28 counted 98 nests at EBL and 108 nests at Caballo L. (BR, LW);....14 were at Bear Canyon L. on 4/22 (DZ, MZ).

LEAST BITTERN -- Unusual was 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/15 (JP) . 2 were at Tucumcari L. on 5/23 (BN, DE, CR).

GREAT BLUE HERON -- Breeding: increased nesting 5/28 in the middle RGV, with 26 nests at EBL and smaller numbers at Caballo L. and Las Animas Creek (BH). 1 was in the s. Animas Valley on 5/25 (SOW).

GREAT EGRET -- On the range's edge were singles found at Morgan L. 5/7 (SW+); Nutria L. near Zuni on 5/9 (DC) and 5/16 (JAT,

CR); and at Jal L. on 5/31 (SW). 9 was a high count at Bitter L. NWR on 4/17 (GW)

LITTLE BLUE HERON -- 1 calico immature at Bitter L. NWR 5/15 (JP, JO**) and 5/16 (BN, DE).

CATTLE EGRET -- Breeding: 100 nests reported at La Union 5/28 (GE);Some 350 birds were there on 4/26 (JO) . 2 were near Zuni on 4/25 and 5/23 (DC); 3 near Clovis 5/15 (JO, JP); 1 at Mangas Springs 4/20 (RF); 1 at the playas w. of Lordsburg 5/25 (JO); and 3 at a desert tank near Otis, Eddy Co., on 4/19 (SW, JY).

GREEN HERON -- Far from water was 1 in a prairie grove near Milnesand, Roosevelt Co., on 4/25 (DS).

WHITE-FACED IBIS -- Early was 1 in the Mimbres Valley in Grant Co. on 3/1 (RF).

TURKEY VULTURE -- A record 3245 passed over the Sandia Mts. hawk watch lookout site from 3/9 to 5/5; the peak count was 809 on 4/1 (HWI).

GREATER WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE -- 5 at Farmington from 3/13 to 3/22 (TR**) was a high count for the northwest.

WOOD DUCK -- 2 at Kirtland, San Juan Co., on 5/30 (TR); 1 at Espanola on 5/16 (BF+); 1 or 2 males were at Bluewater L. 4/9 and 4/12 (JO, BP); 1 male at Rice Park in the Zuni Mts., Cibola Co., 5/13 to 5/18 (BP); 1 male was near Fort Sumner on 4/18 (JP); 2 at Tyrone, Grant Co., on 3/25 (RF); 2 at Deming on 4/6 (LM); and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/2 (SW).

GREATER SCAUP -- 4 to 6 were at Farmington L. on 3/26-27 (TR**); 2 at Nutria L. near Zuni on 3/28 (DC**); 1 female on the turf farm pond near Moriarty 4/30 to 5/15 (DE, BN, JO*, JP, CR); and 1 female at Bitter L. NWR on 4/11 (DE).

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE -- 2 on the San Juan R. below Navajo L., San Juan Co., on 3/14 (TR) were the last reported.

COMMON MERGANSER -- 2 were late at Isleta Pueblo on 5/31 (JO); 1 female on Las Animas Creek on 5/29 (SOW).

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER -- 2 on Sumner L. on 5/2 (JO) and 1 female on Avalon L. on 5/1 (JP).

OSPREY — Breeding: continued good news with 2 new nests, making 5 active nests in n. N.M. this spring (SOW, DS); ... A record count of 138 was at the Sandia Mts. lookout from 3/28 to 5/4 (HWI).

WHITE-TAILED KITE -- Singles were at Bosque NWR 4/11 (JP, JO**) and near Otis, Eddy Co., on 4/25 (SW, JY).

MISSISSIPPI KITE -- Away from the eastern plains were 2 at Los Lunas, Valencia Co., on 5/19 (CR).

BALD EAGLE-- A record 27 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout from 2/28 to 4/9 (HWI).

NORTHERN HARRIER -- 94 passing the Sandia Mts. lookout 2/24 to 5/3 was a record (HWI).

SHARP-SHINNED HAWK -- 772 over the Sandia Mts. lookout from 3/1 to 5/5 (HWI).

COOPER'S HAWK -- 1157 passed over the Sandia Mts. lookout from 2/24 to 5/5 (HWI).

NORTHERN GOSHAWK -- 12 over the Sandia Mts. lookout from 3/1 to 4/28 (HWI). 1 probable female was in Post Office Canyon on 4/4-5 (RTS).

COMMON BLACK-HAWK -- A pair on Las Animas Creek on 5/29 (SOW) furnished a third territory for the Ladder Ranch.

HARRIS'S HAWK -- An immature continued in the Farmington area through 3/15 (TR**). Since falconers keep them, it could be an escape. In the southwest 1 in the San Simon Valley on 3/26 (JO, JP), 2 near Cotton City on 4/11 (SOW) and 3/14 (PRS+) with 3 on 3/26 (JP+); 1 near Gage on 5/27 (SOW), and 1 or 2 near Deming from 3/5 to 5/30 (LM).

BROAD-WINGED HAWK -- 1 was at Santa Fe on 4/10 and 4/17 (Brian Long+); 1 immature at Boone's Draw on 5/17 (BN, DE), 1 dark phase and 1 immature at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/15 (JO**, JP, SW) and 1 immature on 5/10 (JO). 20 over the Sandia Mts. lookout from 4/11 to 5/2 was a record count (HWI).

SWAINSON'S HAWK -- 114 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout from 4/1 until 5/5 (HWI).

ZONE-TAILED HAWK -- At the Sandia Mts. lookout there was 1 on 4/24 and 1 on 5/3 (HWI). 1 w. of Magdalena, Socorro Co., on 5/15

(Jon Larrabee, *fide* GG); an immature over the MacGregor Range in Otero Co. on 5/10 (Tim Hanks*).

RED-TAILED HAWK -- 662 over the Sandia Mts. lookout from 2/24 to 5/5 (HWI).

FERRUGINOUS HAWK -- Breeding; surveys in the Estancia Valley on 4/21-22 located at least 23 active nests (GG); ... 23 were over the Sandia Mts. lookout 2/28 to 4/24 (HWI).

ROUGH-LEGGED HAWK -- 1 immature light morph on 3/10 over the Sandia Mts. lookout (HWI); 1 was at Deming on 3/2 (LM).

GOLDEN EAGLE -- 897 counted over the Sandia Mts. lookout from 2/25 to 5/4 was double the previous high and triple the long-term average (HWI). 3 successfully dispatched 2 young Persian ibex exotics in the Florida Mts. near Deming in May (*fide* ER).

AMERICAN KESTREL -- Breeding: an active nest with 2 young in the thatch of a tall yucca in treeless desert on 5/27 s. of Gage (SOW) was perhaps unique;... .The 497 over the Sandia Mts. lookout 3/1 to 5/5 outdistanced the previous high count of 308 (HWI).

MERLIN -- 19 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout from 3/23 to 4/27 (HWI). 1 female was near Cliff on 3/7 (JO, JP).

APLOMADO FALCON -- Breeding: an active nest was located in a new area in nw. Chihuahua, Mexico, in early March only about 100 miles from N.M. (Kendall Young);... .An adult was reported ne. of Las Cruces on the Jornada Range nw. of the San Luis Mts. on 4/17 (Gary Bell*). Another adult was reported s. of Las Cruces on 4/18 near Santa Teresa (Ivan Pupulidy, *fide* BH).

PEREGRINE FALCON -- 72 passed the Sandia Mts. lookout from 2/24 to 5/3 (HWI).

PRAIRIE FALCON-- 59 migrated over the Sandia Mts. lookout from 2/24 to 5/3 (HWI).

LESSER PRAIRIE CHICKEN -- Surveys in Union Co., ne. N.M., in April found none (Keith Kentigh+, Steven Bates, Clint Henson), but numbers were up slightly in the Milnesand, Roosevelt Co., (DS) and Caprock areas (v.o.).

QUAILS -- Scaled Quail were more common than usual on the eastern plains in May (JP) . Good numbers of both Scaled and Gambel's were in the southwest (SOW).

VIRGINIA RAIL -- Notable was 1 calling on 5/10 in the Animas Valley (AC).

COMMON MOORHEN -- Singles wandered north to Santa Rosa on 5/16 (JO**, JP) and to Portales on 5/2 (JO**) and 5/9 (JP, JO, LC).

BLACK-BELLIED PLOVER -- Singles at Bosque NWR on 4/18 (DE), 4/19 (JO), and 4/25-26 (CR, JO** video); and at Bitter L. NWR 4/24-25 (DE, GW) and 5/3 (JP, JO, RG, JR, Gary Parker).

AMERICAN GOLDEN-PLOVER -- Singles at Bosque NWR 4/25 to 4/28 (CR, JO**) and Bitter L. NWR 5/9-10 (JP*, JO*, GW).

SNOWY PLOVER -- Wanderers were 2 near Clovis on 5/15 (JP, JO) and singles at Portales on 5/12 (JP, JO) and Deming on 5/13 (LM). The earliest were 2 at Holloman L. 3/6 (GE) and 6 at Bitter L. NWR on 3/7 (GW).

MOUNTAIN PLOVER -- Very few were reported. Only 1 to 3 at the Los Lunas turf farm, Valencia Co., from 3/14 (JO) to 3/16 (B. Heck, *fide* BH) and 1 on 5/19 (CR); 26 were at the Moriarty turf farm on 3/19 (Berlin Heck, *fide* BH).

BLACK-NECKED STILT -- The 190 at Holloman L. on 5/20 (GE) represented a large count there.

AMERICAN AVOCET -- Breeding: a nest with 2 eggs was near Shiprock, San Juan Co., on 5/20 (DS).

SOLITARY SANDPIPER -- Singles at Bosque NWR on 4/11 (JP, JO) and 4/19 (JO); Las Vegas NWR on 4/19 (JT); Bitter L. NWR 5/22-23 (GW); and s. of La Union 4/5 (J. Zabriskie).

WILLET -- Made an impressive showing from 4/19 to 5/31. High counts included 53 at Zuni 5/12 (JAT), 36 at Tekapo L. near Zuni on 5/16 (DC), 5 at Bluewater L. on 5/11 (BP), 13 at Sumner L. on 4/30 (DE, BN), 33 at Bitter L. NWR 5/1 (GW), 27 at EBL and 14 at Caballo L. on 4/26 (JO), and 36 flying over desert 10 miles s. of Redrock on 5/31 (BZ).

WHIMBREL -- 1 at Bosque NWR on 5/9 (DE*, BN*).

LONG-BILLED CURLEW -- 1 was on Otero Mesa at Mesa Horse Camp on 3/7 (SW, JY); 1 in the Gila Valley on 4/28 (RF) High count of 77 n. of Loving on 3/12 (SW).

HUDSONIAN GODWIT -- Rare in N.M., so impressive were 1 at Las Vegas NWR 4/22 (Sheila. Alliez*, LH), and 1 or 2 at Bitter L. NWR from 4/28 to 5/27 (GW**, JO**, video), increasing to 5 on 5/30 (DE*).

MARBLED GODWIT -- Unusual reports were 26 at Bluewater L. on 4/18 (BP), 15 at Cochiti L. 4/19 (BH), and 2 at the Williams Playa near Clovis on 5/22 (DE, BN).

SANDERLING -- 1 at Morgan L. on 5/7 (SW+), 1 on Bitter L. NWR on 5/9-10 (JO, JP, GW) and 2 in breeding plumage at the playas w. of Lordsburg on 4/13 (PRS, J. McKnight).

SEMIPALMATED SANDPIPER -- Westerly were singles at EBL on 5/6 (JO**) and Morgan L. on 5/7 (SW*).

WHITE-RUMPED SANDPIPER -- Peaked with 12 at the Williams Playa near Clovis on 5/22 (DE, BN) and 11 at Bitter L. NWR on 5/22-23 (GW).

PECTORAL SANDPIPER -- A high of 5 at the turf farm near Santa Teresa on 4/27 (GE).

DUNLIN -- The only reports were singles at Bitter L. NWR on 5/22 (JP, JO) and at Bosque NWR on 5/3 (DE, BN).

STILT SANDPIPER -- A remarkable 121 at the Williams Playa near Clovis on 5/22 (DE, BN).

LONG-BILLED DOWITCHER -- High counts at Bosque NWR of 225 on 3/28 (BH), 800 on 4/26 (JO) , and 359 on 4/28 (CR).

COMMON SNIPPE -- They were winnowing at Zuni on 5/16 (CR).

RED-NECKED PHALAROPE -- Only reports were 2 each at Bosque NWR 5/31 (JO) and the Laguna Grande near Loving 5/9 (SW+).

LAUGHING GULL -- With six creditable reports over the past decade, it is rare in N.M. This season had three reports from three counties, all adults in summer plumage. 1 at upper EBL on 5/21 (Charles. Painter, Doug Burkett*); 1 at the Main Post of the White Sands Missile Range in Dona Ana Co. on 5/20 (Dave Holderman*), and 1 at Brantley L. 5/14 and 5/15 (JP*, JO**, SW**). Whether these represented an influx or 1 well-traveled individual was open to debate.

FRANKLIN'S GULL -- Late were 5 at Deming on 5/30 (LM) and 30 at Holloman L. on 5/20 (GE).

BONAPARTE'S GULL -- 6 on the Chama R. below El Vado L., Rio Arriba Co., on 4/9 (DS); 4 at Black Rock L. near Zuni on 5/3 (DC); 1 winter adult at the Fish Hatchery in Glenwood, Catron Co., on 3/7 (JO, JP).

MEW GULL -- A first-winter bird was with Ring-bills in the South Valley of Albuquerque on 3/7 (DE*, BN*).

RING-BILLED GULL -- A high count of 1110 at Bitter L. NWR on 3/6 (GW).

THAYER'S GULL -- 1 second-winter and an adult lingered at EBL on 3/1 (JO, AC, NMC, RTS) and 3/3 (PRS*, BW+) until 3/13 and 3/25 (JP*, BDP).

ARCTIC TERN -- An adult at Brantley L. on 5/15 (SW**). It could furnish New Mexico's fourth record.

LEAST TERN -- A migrant was at Avalon L. on 5/1 (JP, DE, BN). 12 were at Bitter L. NWR on 5/22-23 (GW).

BLACK TERN --The only report was 8 or 9 at Bitter L. NWR on 5/15 (JO, JP, GE) and 3 on 5/22-23 (GW).

BAND-TAILED PIGEON -- Singles strayed to the e. plains on 5/1 near Sumner L. (JP), Pep on 5/14 (JO, JP), at the Waldrop Road Rest in e. Chaves Co. 5/14 (JP, JO), and in desert scrub near Whites City, Eddy Co., on 5/15 (SW).

EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE -- More evidence that they have colonized Fort Sumner was provided by 1 or more there on 5/1 (DE, BN), 5/11 (JP*, JO*), and 5/16 (LG*, CD). The Roswell population was seen on numerous dates from March to May (JP*, JO**, BH, v.o.). 1 at White Sands NM, Otero Co., on 4/5 (John Mangimeli*) provided a new locale.

WHITE-WINGED DOVE -- They began consolidating northward advances, with singing birds at Tesuque, Santa Fe Co., on 5/6 (BF) and Santa Fe on 5/20 (ER). New outposts established with singles near Estancia on 5/23 (SOW), at Fort Sumner on 5/11 (JP, JO), Timberon in May (ME), and on Otero Mesa on 5/23 (SW, JY).

INCA DOVE -- Breeding: 1 on a nest at Roswell on 5/2 (JP) and another in Silver City in March (Kate Schilling, fide MZ);....The 1 that wintered near Aztec was last seen 3/6 (TR**) Widely reported in the south; notable were 2 at Portales on 5/14 (SW).

COMMON GROUND-DOVE -- Encouraging were 4 or 5 near Riverside 3/28 (BF, DF). 2 vocal birds were at Double Adobes in the Animas Valley on 5/23 (AC*, NMC*) and 1 was along the nearby Animas Creek on 5/25 (JO).

YELLOW-BILLED CUCKOO -- 3 on Otero Mesa on 5/10 (Rejean Benoit*) likely were grounded migrants.

GREATER ROADRUNNER -- 7 n. of Lordsburg on 5/27 (SOW).

BARN OWL -- Breeding: helping to clarify nesting status in n. N.M. was the discovery of nests at Farmington in March and at Bloomfield with 5 young on 5/30 (TR**). An adult with 7 young near Floyd, Roosevelt Co., 5/8 (DS).

FLAMMULATED OWL -- An apparent migrant was heard s. of Clines Corners, Torrance Co., on 4/4 (SW).

LONG-EARED OWL -- 1 from 3/26 to 5/9 near Madrid (LS).

NORTHERN SAW-WHET OWL -- 1 in the Zuni Mts. of Cibola Co. near the Ojo Redondo CG on 5/16 (CR, JAT); and 1 or 2 calling near Capulin Springs Picnic Ground in the Sandia Mts. on 4/13 (DE, CR) and 5/5 (JP).

CHIMNEY SWIFT -- Presumed migrants were 3 at Texico 5/11 (JO, JP); 1 to 5 at Portales on 5/2 (DE, BN), 5/9 (JP, JO, LC), and 5/12 (JO, JP); 1 near Elida, Roosevelt Co., 5/13 (JP); 5 at Roswell 5/27 (James Montgomery); and 1 on 5/24 at Carlsbad (SW). West was 1 in Albuquerque on 5/6 (JP).

WHITE-THROATED SWIFT -- Apparently stopped by a snowstorm on 3/30, thousands were at Cochiti L. on 3/31 all day. None were seen on 4/3 (SOW).

BROAD-BILLED HUMMINGBIRD -- North of usual was a male in the c. Peloncillo Mts. on 5/24 (JO) and 5/28 (SOW).

BLUE-THROATED HUMMINGBIRD -- A female at Mangas Springs on 5/23-24 (RF).

MAGNIFICENT HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 at Sapillo Crossing, Grant Co., on 4/14 (George West).

LUCIFER'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A male was in the c. Peloncillo Mts. on 5/28 (SOW). 5 males were banded at Post Office Canyon on 5/9 (Joan Day-Martin).

ANNA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- 1 male in the c. Peloncillo Mts. 4/28 (GG, Mike Ramos), 5/24 (JO), and 5/27-28 (SOW). The only 1 in Post Office Canyon was a male 3/3 (RTS).

COSTA'S HUMMINGBIRD -- A male near Virden, Hidalgo Co., on 5/2 (RW*) provided the only report.

RUFIOUS HUMMINGBIRD -- Very rare in N.M. in spring. A male was at Mangas Springs 3/30 (RF) and another at Post Office Canyon on 4/2 and 4/15-16 (RTS).

ELEGANT TROGON -- At least 1 pair was in the Peloncillo Mts. on 5/27-28 (SOW), where it has summered for 8 years.

LEWIS'S WOODPECKER -- Late was 1 s. of Percha SP on 3/28 (JP); notable was 1 in the RGV at Belen on 5/31 (JO).

RED-HEADED WOODPECKER -- West of its range was an adult at Socorro on 5/27 (PB).

GILA WOODPECKER -- Continued to thrive in s. Hidalgo Co. with 2 in the Animas Valley on 5/22-23 (AC, NMC) and 2 in the Playas Valley on 5/25 (SOW).

THREE-TOED WOODPECKER -- The Dome Burn area in the Jemez Mts. remained reliable to see them in May (when the road opens). There was 2 on 5/9 (PRS), a pair 5/25 (JP), and a female on 5/30 (JO). 4 were in the McGaffey Burn area of the Zuni Mts., Cibola Co., on 5/13 (JAT).

ACADIAN FLYCATCHER -- 1 was measured and banded at Bosque NWR on 5/18 (DH**).

WILLOW FLYCATCHER -- 1 at Zuni on 5/23 had been displaced from its traditional territory by a dredging operation (DC). It had been banded in 1997.

LEAST FLYCATCHER -- 1 was at Pep on 5/12 (JO) and 1 at Crossroads, Lea Co., on 5/9 (JO, JP).

GRAY FLYCATCHER -- East of the range were singles at Bitter L. NWR on 4/25 (BH+) and near Maljamar, Lea Co., on 5/2 (JO).

DUSKY FLYCATCHER -- Breeding: 3 territorial pairs on 5/23 at Capilla Peak (BH*) provided the first evidence of breeding in the Manzano Mts.

BLACK PHOEBE -- Early for the north was 1 at Espanola on 3/8 (JT+). 1 in El Rito, Rio Arriba Co., 4/4 (JP, JO).

EASTERN PHOEBE -- 2 at Santa Rosa 4/18 and 5/11 (JP, JO) perhaps suggested local breeding; seemingly a holdover from winter was 1 w. to Riverside 3/15 (JNP) and 4/1 (MP*).

VERMILION FLYCATCHER -- A bit out of the range were a pair at Sumner L. on 4/18 (JP, JO); 1 near Mesa, n. Chaves Co., on 4/24 (BH); a pair at Bitter L. NWR on 3/28 into May (GW, JO, BH); and singles near the Waldrop Road Rest and near Maljamar, Lea Co., on 5/2 (JO).

COUCH'S KINGBIRD -- A mysterious kingbird on the Gila R. near Bill Evans L. on 2/24 (LM*) was relocated on 3/7 (JP*, JO**, video), 3/8-9 (DZ**, tape, MZ, RS, P. Boucher), 3/11 (GE*); 3/13 (RS); 3/14 (LG**, tape, Steve Cox, Nancy Cox+), 3/16 (AD; 3/15 and 4/1 (MP*), and last reported on 4/10 (RS, *fide* DZ). Analysis of tape vocalizations identified it as this species, the second N.M. verified record. The Tropical Kingbird has yet to be verified in N.M.

THICK-BILLED KINGBIRD -- Notable were 2 at Double Adobes in the Animas Valley on 5/23 (AC, NMC).

EASTERN KINGBIRD -- 1 strayed to Silver City 5/25 (DZ, MZ).

NORTHERN SHRIKE -- At least 3 were between Aztec and Blanco, San Juan Co., on 3/8 (TR, ** of adult on 3/4).

WHITE-EYED VIREO -- 1 along US-285 15 miles s. of Vaughn in Guadalupe Co., 5/3 (JO*). 1 was banded at Bosque NWR on 5/19 (DH**).

BELL'S VIREO -- Early were 2 at Redrock on 3/26 (JP). 1 was north at Bosque NWR 5/23 to 5/31 (DE, JP, JO). New locales had singles singing in the Little Hatchet Mts., s. Grant Co., 5/24 (SOW) and in the Cornudas Mts. near the Texas border, Otero Co., on 5/24 (SW, JY).

GRAY VIREO -- 1 on the Ute Mt. IR 5/31 (TR) established a new San Juan Co. locality.

CASSIN'S VIREO -- Somewhat early was 1 at Percha SP on 4/19 (JO).

HUTTON'S VIREO -- At least 2 were e. to Aguirre Springs Park in the Organ Mts., Dona Ana Co., 5/24 (BZ, JNP).

PHILADELPHIA VIREO CORRIGENDUM -- (from Vol 36 No. 4, page 65). It was not seen at the Melrose trap 11/22-24. The correct dates are 10/22-24.

RED-EYED VIREO -- Singles were at Boone's Draw 5/9 (JP, JO), Percha SP on 5/30 (BZ*), near Columbus on 5/31 (LM*), and Rattlesnake Springs on 5/9 (SW) and 5/15 (JP, JO).

BLUE JAY -- Westerly were 1 at Mineral Hill, San Miguel Co., on 5/9 (CR) and 2 at Percha SP on 4/11 (JP, JO).

BLACK-BILLED MAGPIE -- 1 was in s. Albuquerque on 5/18 (Jack Drummond), where it may now be established.

AMERICAN CROW -- 1 in Deming on 3/2 (LM). This species is spreading south.

PURPLE MARTIN -- 1 male calling at Rice Park in the Zuni Mts. sw. of Bluewater L. on 5/7 with a pair courting on 5/11 (BP, JAT), 10 on 5/16 (JAT, CR), and 3 or 4 on 5/30 (BP, DC). Up to 19 near Roberts L., Grant Co., 5/23 (JO).

TREE SWALLOW -- High count of over 200 at EBL 4/3 (CR).

BANK SWALLOW -- The Calabacillas Arroyo colony near Albuquerque was thriving, with up to 400 birds in late April and May (HS).

CAVE SWALLOW -- A third "colony" was found on 5/1 not far from the established bridge nesting near La Union (JNP). 500 at Carlsbad Caverns NP, Eddy Co., on 3/22 (SW, JY).

VERDIN -- Unlikely locales were singles at Mangas Springs from 4/30 to 5/2 (RF) and Blackhawk Canyon in the Burro Mts., Grant Co., on 4/3 (DZ, MZ).

CACTUS WREN -- 4 south of Bosque NWR on 5/21 (CR) and 1 at Bitter L. NWR on 3/29 (GW).

CAROLINA WREN -- May be finding the middle RGV to their liking. 1 was s. of Isleta Pueblo on 5/19 (CR*) and 1 was singing at Riverine Park in Socorro on various dates from 3/1 to 5/31 (JO, AC, NMC, RTS, PRS+, MP*, CR)

WINTER WREN -- Singles at Glorieta, Santa Fe Co., 3/25 (BF*, DF) and at the Waldrop Road Rest on 4/23 (BW*).

GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET -- 3 vocal birds at Capilla Peak, Manzano Mts., on 5/23 (BH). 1 at Emery Pass, Sierra Co., on 3/14 (JO).

BLACK-TAILED GNATCATCHER --At Redrock 1 on 3/26 (JP, BDP), 2 on 4/17 (DZ, MZ), and 1 on 5/26 (SOW). Another on 4/17 at the Lower Gila R. Box Canyon on 4/17 (RW, *fide* DZ).

EASTERN BLUEBIRD -- Breeding: a pair accepted a nest box at the Santa Fe Botanical Gardens near La Cienega s. of Santa Fe and produced at least 2 fledglings by 5/3 (BF*, DF). A pair with 1 young seen there on 5/30 (JO).

WOOD THRUSH -- 1 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose 5/12 (JP*, JO**, BW+) and on 5/17 (DE*, BN*) provided a first record for Roosevelt Co.

GRAY CATBIRD -- 1 ne. of Clayton on 5/12 (LF); 2 near Zuni 5/23 (DC), 1 or 2 at the migrant trap w. of Melrose from 5/12 to 5/17 (JO, JP, BN, DE); 3 near Tatum 5/9 (JO, JP).

BROWN THRASHER -- In likely breeding areas included 2 in ne. Union Co. through 5/31 (LF, LH) and at least 4 at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 4/18 and 5/2 (JO). 1 was in the South Valley of Albuquerque on 3/6 (PRS, CR); 1 near Santa Teresa on 4/26 (JO**, JNP).

LONG-BILLED THRASHER -- The lonely 1 was still singing at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 3/21 and 5/11 (JP, JO**, video).

BENDIRE'S THARSHER -- 1 in Socorro on 5/16 (PB).

CRISSAL THRASHER -- Breeding: 3 nests at the Petroglyph NM w. of Albuquerque 3/22 to 5/3 and 1 near Placitas, Sandoval Co., on 3/21 (HS);....1 at Bitter L. NWR on 4/25 (BH); 1 in the Guadalupe Mts., Eddy Co., on 4/10 (SW, JY) where it is rare.

WHITE WAGTAIL -- New to the state was 1 that put in a well-documented but all too brief appearance at Bosque NWR on 4/8 (Jack and Ali Kamm*, DP*, Phil Norton**, v.o.) Details to the N.M. Bird Records Committee.

SPRAGUE'S PIPIT -- 4 were in the s. Animas Valley on 3/27 (JP* AC, NMC, BDP).

CEDAR WAXWING -- Late were 19 at Waterflow, San Juan Co., on 5/28 (TR) and others at San Juan Pueblo in Rio Arriba Co. and in Los Alamos, Los Alamos Co., on 5/31 (JT).

PHAINOPEPLA -- Easterly were 2 males near La Luz in Otero Co. on 3/6 and 1 male on Otero Mesa on 5/23 (both SW, JY); notable were 8 at Spring Canyon SP in the Florida Mts. near Deming on 3/31 (LM).

OLIVE WARBLER -- Peripheral were 2 near Springtime Canyon Campground, San Mateo Mts., Socorro Co., on 5/24 (BF, DF).

NASHVILLE WARBLER -- More numerous than usual in the east. 1 near Moriarty on 4/24 (JO) and 5/10 (DE, BN); 2 or 3 at Sumner L. on 4/18 (JP, JO) and 4 on 4/17 (DE); 2 at the Melrose trap on 4/25 (LG*, CD) and 5/1 (DE, BN+); 1 at Boone's Draw on 5/3 (DE); 1 at Pep on 5/9 (JO); 1 s. of Mesa, Chaves Co., 5/3 (JO); and 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/2 (BN, DE+) and 5/16 (DE, BN).

LUCY'S WARBLER -- Singles were north to Socorro 5/9 (DE, BN) and east to Rattlesnake Springs on 5/2 to 5/9 (DE, BN, JO, JP, CR, SW, v.o.).

NORTHERN PARULA -- Rare but regular were single males at the migrant trap w. of Melrose on 4/25 (LG*, CD), Percha SP on 4/18 (DE), and Rattlesnake Springs on 4/10 (Mary Stowe**). 1 was banded at Bosque NWR on 4/22 (M. Means**).

CHESTNUT-SIDED WARBLER -- Also rare but regular were 1 at San Juan Pueblo, Rio Arriba Co., on 5/16 (BF, Ron Duffy); 1 near Moriarty on May 10-11 (JO**, JP, DE, CR, PRS, v.o.), and 1 male at Boone's Draw on 5/9 (JP, JO, LC).

BLACK-THROATED GRAY WARBLER -- 1 at Sumner L. on 4/18 (JP, JO).

BLACK-THROATED GREEN WARBLER -- 1 male at Ramon, Lincoln Co., on 5/10 (JP*, JO*, LC, JR).

PALM WARBLER -- 1 male in Albuquerque 4/23 (J. Haskell*).

BLACKPOLL WARBLER -- 1 male at the Melrose migrant trap on 5/3 (DE*, BN*), 1 male at Boone's Draw 5/9 and 5/12 (JP*, JO**, LC) and 2 males in the Rattlesnake Springs area on 5/3 and 5/10 (JP*, JNP, RG*, JO**, v.o.).

BLACK-AND-WHITE WARBLER -- Another rare but regular species. 1 female se. of Grants on 5/11 (Celia Cook*); 1 at Bluewater L. on 5/12 (CR, BP); 1 male at Bosque Redondo Park near Fort Sumner on 5/2 (JO); 1 male at the Melrose trap on 5/9 (JP, JO, LC), 5/12 (JP) and 1 on 5/22 (DE); 1 male at Boone's Draw on 5/1 (JP, BN, DE); and 1 female at Caprock on 5/9 (JO).

WORM-EATING WARBLER -- 1 at Boone's Draw on 5/9 (JP*, JO**, v.o.) and Bitter L. NWR on 5/15 (JP*, JO*).

OVENBIRD -- 1 at the Melrose trap on 5/12 (JP, JO, BW+), 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/9 (SW, JY) and 5/10 (JP, JO) Late was 1 near Cliff on 5/28 (*fide* DZ).

NORTHERN WATERTHRUSH -- 1 in the Little Hatchet Mts. w. of Hachita, Grant Co., on 5/24 (SOW) provided a local first. 1 or 2 at Bluewater L. on 5/12 (CR, BP).

KENTUCKY WARBLER -- 1 male at the Moriarty turf farm on 5/10 (CR*, DE*, BN*, JP*, JO**).

MOURNING WARBLER -- 1 possible at the Melrose migrant trap on 5/16 (LG*).

HOODED WARBLER -- Very early was a male at the Melrose migrant trap on 4/10 (DE) and 1 male on 5/9 (JP, JO, LC); 1 female at Boone's Draw on 5/2 (JO*) and a male on 5/16 (JP, JO**); 1 female at Caprock on 5/9 (JP, JO**, LC).

PAINTED REDSTART -- 1 at Six-mile Canyon, Magdalena Mts. w. of Socorro, on 5/25 (BF, DF); 1 at Mangas Springs on 3/20 (AD, *fide* DZ).

HEPATIC TANAGER -- 1 male near Madrid on 5/28 (LS); 1 at Rattlesnake Springs on 5/9 (SW, JY).

SUMMER TANAGER -- Single female near Moriarty on 5/8 (JO, JP, LC) and blotched immature male at the Quarai Ruins, Torrance Co., on 5/9 (HS).

SCARLET TANAGER -- Single males were at the Melrose trap 5/25 (GG*, v.o.) and Pep on 5/9 and 5/12 (JP*, JO**, LC).

WESTERN TANAGER -- Large numbers took advantage of a "miller moth" outbreak at Timberon; 24 were counted at a residence on 5/3 with more in the adjacent forest (ME).

GREEN-TAILED TOWHEE -- 2 were singing at Capilla Peak in the Manzano Mts. on 5/23 (BH). 1 wintered in Albuquerque from 11/27 to 4/21 (Paul McConnell).

ABERT'S TOWHEE -- A remarkable 21 reported at Redrock on 3/28 (LM).

CASSIN'S SPARROW -- Numbers were low in the southwest (SOW) and in Eddy Co. (SW).

BOTTERI'S SPARROW -- 1 returned to the Animas Valley on 5/25 (JO).

RUFOUS-CROWNED SPARROW -- Easterly was 1 at the Waldrop Road Rest on 3/22 (JP, JO).

VESPER SPARROW -- 1 singing near Torreon, Torrance Co., on 5/23 (BH) suggested local breeding.

LARK BUNTING -- 15 near Zuni on 5/9 (*fide* JAT) and 1 near Espanola on 5/16 (Pat Insley+, *fide* BF). A high count of 500 ne. of Clayton on 5/9 (LF) . Late on 5/23 were 5 e. of Columbus (SOW) and 3 on Otero Mesa (SW, JY+).

GRASSHOPPER SPARROW -- 1 was near Santa Teresa on 4/26 (JO**, JNP).

BAIRD'S SPARROW -- The only report was 1 on Otero Mesa on 4/23 (Greg Levandoski*).

HARRIS'S SPARROW -- 1 immature was at Blanco, San Juan Co., on 3/2 and 3/8 (TR**); the adult at Eldorado near Santa Fe since December was singing 4/9 and last seen on 5/9 (SOW).

GOLDEN-CROWNED SPARROW -- Singles at the Quarai Ruins, Torrance Co., on 4/25 and 5/9 (HS) and at Redrock 3/26 (JP, BDP).

CHESTNUT-COLLARED LONGSPUR -- 5 at the El Malpais area s. of Grants on 3/8 (JO, JP). 1 on Otero Mesa on 3/7 (SW).

NORTHERN CARDINAL -- Far north was 1 at Clayton L. on 5/14 (Wes Cook, *fide* LF). Others in new locales were 1 in the Burro Mts., Grant Co., on 4/15 (RW, *fide* DZ) and 2 in the Little Hatchet Mts., Grant Co., on 5/24 (SOW).

PYRRHULOXIA -- Conspicuous in the southwest, including 2 near Hatchet Gap on 5/25 (SOW), 3 near Gage on 5/27 (SOW), and 8 at Deming on 5/4 (LM). Wandering individuals were at Tres Pistoles Canyon e. of Albuquerque on 4/4 to 4/19 (Pamela Cody*), in Socorro Co. e. of Bosque NWR on 5/20 (CR), and at Timberon in May (ME).

ROSE-BREASTED GROSBEAK -- Made a good showing in nine locales from the RGV eastward 5/1 to 5/15 (v.o.).

LAZULI X INDIGO BUNTING -- Single hybrids were in the middle RGV at Albuquerque on 5/31 (BN) and Los Lunas, Valencia Co., on 5/19 (CR).

PAINTED BUNTING -- Northerly were single males on 5/7 at Clayton (*fide* LF) and Socorro (PB).

YELLOW-HEADED BLACKBIRD -- High count of 200 e. of Las Cruces near Tortuga Mt. on 4/5 (GE).

RUSTY BLACKBIRD -- West and late were 2 at Mangas Springs on 3/15 (JNP**, J. Puschock).

COMMON GRACKLE -- Continued their westward push, including 3 at Aztec on 5/5 (TR) and 2 at Waterflow, San Juan Co., on 5/28 (TR). 1 was at the Taos Ski Valley, Taos Co., on 4/4 (JO), 1 to 3 at Zuni on 4/25 to 4/31 (DC), and a male at San Luis Pass, Hidalgo Co., on 5/25 (SOW).

BRONZED COWBIRD -- Continued to thrive, with reports from Hidalgo, Luna, Dona Ana, Eddy, and Lea Cos. (v.o.). North were 1 male at Socorro on 5/30-31 (JP, JO) and 1 female at Boone's Draw on 5/14 (JP, JO**).

ORCHARD ORIOLE -- North to Clayton was 1 on 5/16 (*fide* LF), a male to Madrid on 5/13 (LS), and an immature male at Sumner L. on 4/24 (JP).

BALTIMORE ORIOLE -- A good season found a male at the Melrose trap on 5/2 (JO**), a male at Rattlesnake Springs on 4/24 (DE*), and a male and female there on 5/2 (SW, JO, JP*, DE*, BN*, CR, JR, RG).

ROSY FINCHES -- Up to 82 of all three species were at the Taos Ski Valley, Taos Co., 3/29 to 4/12 (JO, JP, DE, JH).

SCOTT'S ORIOLE -- 1 near Velarde, Rio Arriba Co., on 5/16 (BF+); in Zuni 3 on 5/10 and 1 on 5/30 (DC).

CASSIN'S FINCH -- Practically non-existent with singles near Taos, Taos Co., on 3/22 (JT) and 4/10 (DE) and at Emery Pass, Sierra Co., on 3/14 (JP).

RED CROSSBILL -- Only small numbers were seen.

EVENING GROSBEAK -- The few reports were confined to the San Juan, Sangre de Cristo, and Jemez Mts. (v.o.).

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